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1. SUMMARY: IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING SEPT. 14 APPROVED
EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES OF MONACO LABORATORY TO BE SUPPORTED BY
FUNDS FROM UNEF, AND RECEIVED DG'S REQUEST FOR VIEWS ON PANEL
REPORT ON AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE LONDON CONVENTION.
END SUMMARY.

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2. DISCUSSION BY BOARD OF DG'S PROPOSAL FOR EXPANSION OF AC-

TIVITIES OF AGENCY'S INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY OF MARINE RADIOACTIVITY AT MONACO TO INCLUDE NON-RADIOACTIVE POLLUTANTS OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT (DOCUMENT GOV/1618 TRANSMITTED REF A) WAS FAIRLY BRIEF AND UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE, AND ENDED WITH BOARD TAKING NOTE OF DG'S PROPOSAL, AS REQUESTED. JAPAN VOICED STRONG SUPPORT OF ACTIVITIES RELATING TO PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT, PRAISED ARRANGEMENT FOR CO-OPERATION WITH UNESCO IN SEEKING FINANCING FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES FROM UN ENVIRONMENT FUND, AND HOPED AND EXPECTED THAT DG WOULD MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR AGENCY'S ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES FROM FUND; JAPAN WOULD SUPPORT HIS DOING SO. JAPAN INTENDED CONTRIBUTE TOWARD SUPPORT OF AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS THROUGH ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNEF, WHICH WOULD BE 10 PER CENT OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUND OVER FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.

3. FRANCE, CANADA, FRG AND USSR SPOKE BRIEFLY IN SUPPORT OF EXTENSION OF LABORATORY ACTIVITIES; ALL ALSO SUPPORTED FINANCING OF SUCH ACTIVITIES BY UNEF. US MADE BRIEF STATEMENT, ALONG LINES PRESENTED REF A, SUPPORTING DG'S PROPOSAL; US REP NOTED THAT WHILE RESTRICTIONS WHICH DG INTENDED EXERCISE (OUTLINED IN PARA 6 OF HIS DOCUMENT) WERE REASONABLE, AND US SUPPORTED GENERAL INTENT, WE TRUSTED THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH FLEXIBILITY AS OCCASION WARRANTED TO AVOID HAMPERING OR IMPAIRING SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES OF LABORATORY. AZIRE ENDED DEBATE BY REQUESTING RESTATEMENT OF DG'S POSITION ON FINANCING OF THESE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FROM MON-IAEA SOURCES, AND DG QUOTED PARA 6 OF DOCUMENT TO EFFECT THAT INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE WOULD BE FINANCED ENTIRELY FROM FUNDS OTHER THAN THOSE OF AGENCY.

4. FOLLOWING ITEM ON AGENDA WAS REPORT OF PANEL OF EXPERTS CONVENED TO STUDY AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER LONDON OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION (TRANSMITTED REF B); DG TRANSMITTED REPORT OF PANEL TO BOARD AND, DUE TO IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT MATTER, REQUESTED THAT MEMBERS OF BOARD ADVISE HIM OF THEIR VIEWS ON PANEL REPORT ASAP AND BY DECEMBER 1 AT LATEST. US MADE BRIEF STATEMENT COMMENDING DG FOR EXPEDITIOUS MANNER IN WHICH AGENCY HAD MOVED TO MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND STATING THAT WE WOULD COMMUNICATE VIEWS ON PANEL REPORT TO DG. NO OTHER GOVERNORS SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

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5. FOR GENEVA: ON SPET. 13, PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING, PETER THATCHER OF UNEP SECRETARIAT TELEPHONED MISSION TO EXPRESS CONCERN WITH SEEMINGLY RESTRICTIVE NATURE OF LANGUAGE OF PARA 6 OR GOV/1618, WHICH HE HAD JUST SEEN AND WHICH SEEMED TO HIM UNDULY RESTRICTIVE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT PROPOSED FOR UNEP SUPPORT. AMB. PORTER INFORMED HKM POINT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY MISSION WITH SECRETARIAT; LANGUAGE IN QUESTION HAD BEEN INSERTED TO AVOID PROBLEM WITH SOME BOARD MEMBERS (AND SOME IN SECRETARIAT) IMPLY-

ING THAT AGENCY WAS MOVING LAB ACTIVITIES BEYOND THOSE PERMITTED BY AGENCY STATUTE. PORTER INFORMED THATCHER THAT WE DID NOT RPT NOT SEE LANGUAGE AS IMPEDING ANY SCIENTIFICALLY-LEGITIMATE ACTIVITY WHICH LAB MIGHT UNDERTAKE IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED MARINE POLLUTION PROJECT, AND TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD MAKE STATEMENT ALONG LINES ABOVE. THATCHER SAID THIS WOULD TAKE CARE OF HIS CONCERNS, AND URGED THAT US RESIST ANY CHANGES IN LANGUAGE WHICH MIGHT RESTRICT LAB ACTIVITIES. SUGGEST GENEVA MIGHT BRIEF THATCHER ON COURSE OF BOARD DISCUSSION, AND TELL HIM MISSION FEELS THAT THERE NO RPT NO FURTHER GROUNDS FOR CONCERN IN THIS RESPECT.TAPE

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